

COURTEOUS DRIVING

LITTLE THINGS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Maintain safe following distances: the two second rule in good conditions or four seconds in poor conditions or when towing.

To warn following drivers you are stopping, tap your brakes as you slow down so they can see your brake lights. Keep your foot on the brake until you move off, so other drivers know you've stopped.

Always dip your lights when you see an oncoming vehicle or the tail lights of a vehicle ahead. Be considerate of trucks and buses - when you can see their cab lights the driver can see your lights, so dip early.

Obey right of way signs at one-way bridges but be ready to stop in case the other driver doesn't.

PASSING AND MERGING

Let others know what you are doing - Indicate at least three seconds before turning or changing lanes.

Give plenty of room when you're overtaking and don't cut in on the other vehicle.

Merge like a zip when two or more lanes become one. Speeding up to squeeze in front won't save much time.

Don't speed up on passing lanes – instead slow down a little when others are trying to pass.

DRIVE HAPPY

OTHER ROAD USERS

Be patient with other drivers who may lack confidence or be unsure where they are going.

**Everybody makes mistakes
next time *it could be you***

CONSIDER PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

Slow down around busy pedestrian areas.

Always be ready to stop at pedestrian crossings.

Think about the safety of the people who are working to make the roads safer for you. Respect speed limits at road works.

Give cyclists a minimum passing distance of 1m in town and 1.5m on rural roads. If there is potential conflict slow down to give the cyclist safe passage.

REMEMBER

Cyclists in a cycle lane have right of way.

Always slow down to 20km/hr when passing a stationary school bus, whichever side of the road it has stopped on.

Always obey any speed restrictions around schools.

THE PENALTIES

For failing to stop at a pedestrian crossing - \$150 fine and 35 demerit points.

For passing a stationary school bus at 51km/hr - \$300 fine and 40 demerit points.

For passing that bus at 71km/hr - \$630 fine, 50 demerit points and possible loss of licence for 28 days.



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